

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-34 are pending. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 26-34 have been newly added.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of original claim 3. Accordingly, claims 4, 5 and 17 have been amended to depend on claim 1.

New claim 26 includes all the features of claims 1, 8 and 9. New claims 27-32 depend on new claim 26 and recite the features of original claims 10, 11, 14, 17, 20, and 21, respectively.

New claims 33 and 34 depend on claims 26 and 8, respectively, and introduce the feature of a contact metallization, which is disclosed in the Specification, for example, at page 9, lines 11-24.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 3-5, 9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the amendment, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

The fees in the amount of \$400 for excess claims are being paid concurrently on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing 12406-140001.

Respectfully submitted,

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